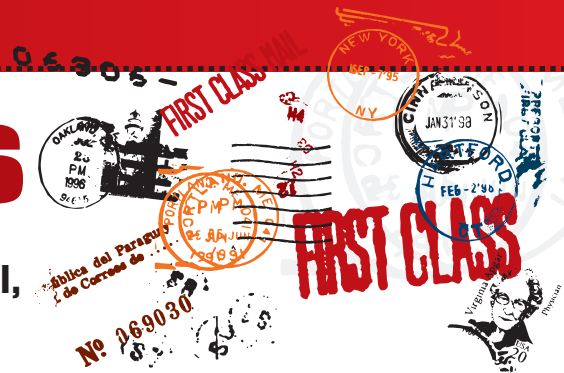


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## STAYING CONNECTED

I retired in the Florida Panhandle near Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, Fla., in 1995. I was able to keep up with what was going on through the base papers and the Airman magazines I could pick up at the local Civil Air Patrol squadron. This summer, I took a job with the Forest Service in Tennessee, and while it's nice to be back in uniform (forest green!), I miss my USAF connections! Thanks, Airman, for keeping me connected.

**Dale K. Robinson**

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## MORE THAN A THOUSAND

I am a former U.S. Naval officer, newly working for the DOD in California. I discovered a magazine rack here with your magazine.

I compliment your photographers. Your photographs are outstanding!

To this former professional photographer, the impact in so many of them is impressive.

In the September-October 2009 issue, so many photos said much more than the proverbial "thousand words." The shots on page 29, 30/31, 39, the tiny cockpit shot on page 46...

how did they get both the inside and outside exposed and in focus? Also pages 53, 54, 56 - what a great portrait, and of course the "Final Frame."

I look forward to future issues as they arrive here.

*Sincerely,*  
**Daniel Kuttner**

*TV Operations*  
*DMA-DMC Riverside, Ca.*

## INSPIRATION TO OTHERS

I love the story you did on Carol Malumba. [November-December 2009] She and her family went through many challenges, struggles, and finally victory in battling sickle cell. Capt. Lucky Malumba, Abdullah Mulumba, and her hero Mark have shown such courageous and admirable qualities that we all strive to possess. Your story gives inspiration to those who continue to fight sickle cell and other diseases. I was amazed by the strength Carol had in her to stay positive throughout her treatment. Carol's ability to still put a smile on her face after all she has been through helps me to remember, not to take things for granted.

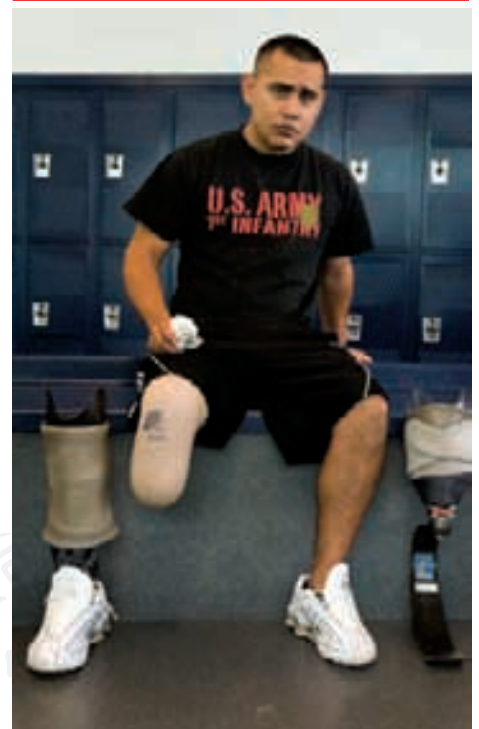
Thank you for sharing this story of an amazing family.

**Senior Airman Jennifer Concepcion**

*Lackland AFB, Texas*



## PROMISE FULFILLED



This is a great article ["A Promise Kept" November-December 2009] that does a fantastic job of highlighting the importance and achievements of the Aeromedical Evacuation MEDEVAC Mission. The MEDEVAC mission is a testament and but one example of the U.S. military's dedication to its Soldiers Airmen Sailors and Marines.

As a C-17 pilot and officer, recently on Air Mobility Command's Staff, I have seen firsthand the extent, both in the strategic planning level and the execution phases of the tactical level, to which the Air Force goes to ensure that U.S. wounded warriors receive the time-critical care they need and deserve.

Air Mobility Command has continued to improve its procedures and incorporate lessons learned to develop a very successful mission. Since Vietnam and the first Gulf War, survival rates have increased from 75 percent to above 90 percent with transit time being cut from 10 days down to three days.

**Jason Ginn**

*Command and General Staff College U.S.*  
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## TO THE AIRMEN

Bryan Glynn aerial porters and aircraft maintainers are the backbone of today's air force and our nation's defense...we would be a third world power without their support to our nation's air mobility mission.

**Bryan Glynn**

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As an old Aerial Porter, it's great to see the young professionals out there getting the mission accomplished. It would be nice if the main-stream media would show some great footage such as this. As this young Airman said, our military does more than just fight wars.

**Tom Gilmore**

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# Photo Contest



Lt. Col. Jim Powell, an Air National Guard navigator with the 109th Air Wing, based in Scotia, N.Y., enjoyed his copy of Airman magazine at South Pole Station during a mission supporting OPERATION DEEP FREEZE. Colonel Powell wins the most recent fan photo contest on the Airman fan page on Facebook. Fans are asked to send in a photo of themselves reading Airman in their work or off-duty environment. All Airman fans are eligible to enter. Full details and rules are posted on the Airman fan page at [www.facebook.com/Airmanmagazine](http://www.facebook.com/Airmanmagazine). If there is enough support, Airman will run the best fan photo here in the Airman section of each issue. Both the photographer and the subject will receive credit. Check our Facebook page under fan photos for the second place photo by Ernie Hickman.



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